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NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY DOWN 4 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., September 30, 2005 -- Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2005, was 2.75 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This was 4 percent below September 1, 2004, unchanged from June 1, 2005, and the lowest September 1 inventory since 1975. Breeding inventory, at 350,000 head, was down 3 percent from September 1, 2004, and 1 percent below last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.4 million head, was 4 percent below last year but slightly above last quarter.

The June-August 2005 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.58 million head, was 2 percent more than 2004 but 3 percent below 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 175,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to farrow 175,000 sows during the September-November 2005 quarter, 3 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2004 but 5 percent below 2003. Intended farrowings for December 2005-February 2006, at 175,000 sows, are the same as last year and two years ago.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP SLIGHTLY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2005, was 61.5 million head. This was up slightly from September 1, 2004, and up 1 percent from June 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was up less than 1 percent from last year but down less than 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.6 million head, was virtually unchanged from last year but up 2 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2005 U.S. pig crop, at 26.3 million head, was up slightly from 2004 and up 1 percent from 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down slightly from last year.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.89 million sows farrow during the September-November 2005 quarter, unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2004, but up 1 percent from 2003. Intended farrowings for December 2005-February 2006, at 2.88 million sows, are up 1 percent from both 2005 and 2004.

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